The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

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REV. LEWIS SEYMOUR MUDGE, D.D., LL.D.
MODERATOR

514 WITHERSPOON BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

June 11, 1931.

Ans.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. Courtland Robinson,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Robinson:

It has come to my notice that on June 24th next you will celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary of your wedding day. I trust that it will not be an intrusion for me to offer my congratulations and good wishes.

I am sure that my old and loyal friend Robinson will gladly welcome the suggestion that his wife has had a most generous share in the notable success which has followed his ministerial life. Therefore, I feel sure that I will not introduce the slightest element of discord into the anniversary occasion when I felicitate you jointly upon a ministry which has been notable for its substantial contribution to the spiritual welfare of hundreds of individuals, as well as unusually helpful in the affairs of our great Church and to important Boards and Committees within its jurisdiction.

That your joint service should reach culmination in the influential position of editor of The Presbyterian is to my mind both a worthy recognition of the past, and a fortunate event in the life of our Church at large.

Nor must I fail to voice what is a source of gratitude to all your friends, that you have so noble and able a son to continue the fine Presbyterian traditions, which for generations have remained unbroken and unshaken in your family.

I join your many friends in the earnest hope that your Fortieth Wedding Anniversary may be a day of great joy and peace, and a prophesy of that which is to be, through the goodness of God, your joint portion as long as this life shall last. Mrs. Mudge desires to be associated with me in this letter of congratulation and good will.

May God's richest blessing rest upon you and abide ever

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with you.

Yours Faithfully,

Lewis S. Mudge

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Moderator.

3700 CHESTNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA
PENNA.

October 20th. 1923.

Rev W.Courtland Robinson. D.D.
Delhi. N.Y.

My dear Dr Robinson,

Your extremely kind letter of yesterday's date has reached me today, and I cannot tell you how I appreciate all you say.

I am quite sure that if you had been in England with me this Summer, and had seen the whole situation, you would have understood that I really have no alternative to returning at their call. I shall be free from all pastoral and executive responsibility as I go to join Dr Simpson for the one purpose of taking the pulpit for six months in the year. The other six months I shall be free to serve my country in various towns and localities; and arrangements are made for this also; so that I shall have nothing to do but exercise my own gifts in the ministry of the Word.

I can assure you that it has been a source of real joy to me that Mrs Robinson and yourself have found your way to Tabernacle so often; and I have never seen you present without feeling your love and sympathy as most helpful in my work.

Please convey our kindest regards to Mrs Robinson, and believe me to be,

Always sincerely yours,

Gaupbrunpgan

WMH.

Rev. William L. McEwan, D. D.
906 South Negley Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

December 6 1932

My dear Dr Robinson:

It is difficult for me to write to you as my dear friend and at the same time as Chairman of the Board.

I suffer deeply and sympathize more than you know with your burdens. I have written Mr. Harbison authorizing the calling of a meeting as soon as possible, and have since then written that you have urged an early meeting. I will do so again. Several schemes for publishing the paper have been suggested, since the Donnelly Co's proposition. Last week Mr. Harbison was here, and we tried to have a meeting with the Banner people. Not enough of their representatives were present to do any constructive thing, but enough to make us feel that there was little hope of an agreement.

Yesterday Dr Hutchison came to see me, and lamented greatly the publication of a letter signed A. T. Allen, headed "Dr Whallon" - in Nov. 3 edition on page 23. At the foot of the first column on this page, the writer refers to Mr. Andrew Mellon. He says the East Liberty people resent it bitterly, that we will lose the subscribers in that church, and that he is made so uncomfortable that he does not see how he can keep his name on the paper. Of course I urged him to take no steps now. You may hear from him.

I have tried to raise some money here, but I can understand how nobody feels inclined to take on new obligations now.

I am connected with several other enterprises belonging to the Kingdom that are facing problems too large to be solved without help from God.

Rev. William L. McEwan, D. D.
906 South Negley Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

I hope we can have a meeting soon, but there is no use of having a meeting unless we can secure the presence of the Bd members who have the ability to carry out any plans adopted. As I said, I will write again to Mr. Harbison urging an effort to get the Bd together.

In the meantime, writing as your friend, I send you my love, my confidence, my admiration for your work, and your loyalty when the burden that rests on your shoulders is not rightly yours, and I sign myself Your fellow-sufferer,

William L. McEwan

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Baring at 35th Street
Philadelphia

June 27,1932.

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.
"The Presbyterian ".
1217 Market Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr Robinson:

You are scheduled to preach in Northminster Church on Sunday morning, July 31st. The service is at 11 o'clock. If you prefer you may bring your own gown. If you do not, there will be gowns in the closet in the Church Office. The compensation is $25.00.

Enclosed is a postal card. Will you kindly place on this card and mail immediately the hymns which you wish to be used in the service. ? It is not necessary to send a Psalter reading or your sermon topic.

This is your official notice and I am quite sure the people of Northminster will be delighted and helped by your service.

Cordially yours,

Joseph B.C. Mackie

JBCM/D
Encl. Card.

GIRARD COLLEGE
PHILADELPHIA

SUPERINTENDENT OF
GROUNDS, BUILDINGS AND SUPPLIES

May 26, 1932

Dear Dr. Robinson:

How sorry and disappointed we were last evening that you weren't at Northminster! They had what was known as "Robinson" night and of course mother, grandmother and yours truly went in thinking that you would most certainly be there. I tell you there were a lot of disappointed folk! ! ! I wonder if your ears burned? Well - quite a goodly number of your loyal friends got up and spoke very highly of you and those who did not get up sat still and thought plenty nice things! You will probably hear from many of your Northminster friends but I'll tell you that those who spoke of you were:

Harry Freas	Mrs. Way
Win Freas	Miss Dillon
Mr. Lloyd	Mr. Simons
Mr. Richman	Mr. George
Mr. Rife	Mrs. Alloway
Mr. McClelland	

and several others along with a nice letter from Mrs. Lloyd and if you could have but heard what they said about you - well! You'd truly believe that we all love you and always will!

I don't believe I ever thanked you for returning or rather I should say, sending me the unused portion of your ticket to and from Cynwyd. It was very nice of you to do that and I appreciated it. Please come see us soon again - you and Mrs. Robinson - for we always love to have you and talk over old times!

Did you know that mother and I joined Dr.Bieber's Church about a month ago? We like it very much and feel more or less settled in Cynwyd now.

Hoping this finds you and Mrs. Robinson quite well and with all best wishes from both mother, and myself - and also grandmother, I remain

Always one of many of your
great admirers and friends.

Eleanor Glenn Moyer

Delhi New York.
April 16,1932.

My dear Robinsons,

You may be in Delhi for all I know but I can't bear to send this poor review on without a personal word or two to my very dear friends. Life goes on here in the more or less usual mammer. Of course there is presbyterial to look forward to so "every cloud has its silver lining" but this one is dark abound the edges as I am-alas-not a delegate.This together with the fact that all four of us were ill for two weeks with that nasty flu bug and never got a single flower from the Church,S.S., Guild or Miss'y.Soc., makes me wonder if they appreciate us as the former pastor and his sweet wife used to at least pretend they did.Well I still attend and think that the comission of flowers is why we are all better and ready for the next bug that floats our way.

There has been snow this week after a few days of fine weather.I suppose we must expect it till after the Spring meeting of Pres. It wont be really spring till you people,like the robins,put in your appearance.

We do miss Dr.Ormiston so. He was our friend,an old neighbor as well as our doctor. Mrs.Ormiston is going on just as you would think she would but her grief is very keen.You are either here or coming so soon that I shall not tal more of your time with town gossip.All the family here are well and anxious to get in the garden and go fishing.Sally was twelve Tuesday and Lewis will be eight in two weeks so time goes on.

Love from us all,

Marguerite H. Morrill

Northminster Presbyterian Church
Cor. Baring and 35th Streets
Philadelphia April 19,1932.

The Rev. W.Courtland Robinson, D.D.
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr.Robinson:

Will you be willing to take a Sunday's preaching at Northminster Church this Summer ? The available dates are: Sunday, July 31st; August 14th; August 21st; August 28th; September 4th and September 11th. Which one of these dates would you prefer to have ?

We regret to say that it is necessary this year to cut the compensation down to $25.00. There is only one service, as you know, at 11 o'clock in the morning. I would appreciate an answer from you at your earliest opportunity in order that we may make up the schedule for the Summer preachers.

With every good wish, I am,

Cordially yours,

Joseph B.C. Mackie.

JBCM/D

EDITORIAL ROOMS
THE PRESBYTERIAN
1217 MARKET STREET, PHILADELPHIA

April 19, 1932.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I suppose by this time you and Mrs. Robinson are comfortably settled in your Delhi home and almost feel that you have never left it. We miss you in the office but I know you are happier where you are.

Today we received from the committee in charge of the Assembly, the hotel reservation for which you wrote. What disposition do you wish us to make of it? If Dr. Fulton writes the account of the proceedings will he use it? I mean, he to pay for it.

Also, there came from Dr. Travis a writeup of the churches of Denver and a few pictures. This I will acknowledge and you can look the article over when you return to the office.

A letter came from Mr. Monro telling us how to spend our money but no cash was enclosed nor have we had any of the amounts pledged at the meeting. It seems to me we need no instruction as to the best way to distribute our cash but simply the cash itself.

Dr. Lukens of Burlington called to see you. He was disappointed not to have a personal visit with you as he said he had not been in to call on you since you assumed the editorship of THE PRESBYTERIAN. He left an overture passed by the New Brunswick Presbytery regarding the teaching of the Sabbath School quarterlies which I will try to use in the next issue. He also has a copy for "Christianity Today" but this will be one case where we can "beat them to it."

The auditors asked for the Minute Book of the Company but as it was not in our possession we telegraphed Mr. Monro requesting that he return it to us at once. We had a letter from his secretary stating that he had left the book on the table where the meeting was held. Mrs. Horn called up the Penn A. C. and after considerable search on the part of the management, it was finally located. It is in our safe now and everything is O.K. I think it was rather careless of Mr. Monro not to take the book home with him or give it to you.

There was some slip-up in the excuse Judge

EDITORIAL ROOMS
THE PRESBYTERIAN
1217 MARKET STREET, PHILADELPHIA

Frontfield gave me from jury duty. Last night a deputy from the sheriff's office called on me and when he threw back his coat and showed his badge, I thought my last hour had come. I almost heard the rattle of the hand cuffs in his pocket. However, after considerable phoning the matter was finally adjusted and I was allowed to remain in my happy home. I am on duty today as usual.

We all send our kindest regards to both you and Mrs. Robinson.

Yours very sincerely,

Anna I McKinney

AIMcK*E

Greenwich, Fairfield

September 16. '31

Dear Lena and Conrad -

It is some time since the
paper came telling of your
fortieth anniversary. It seems
quite incredible that so many
years have passed since that
eventful date. I am sorry not
to have added my congratula-
tions to the many you have
received before this but must
plead as my excuse the fact

Hot we have had unprecedentedly hot summer - of the sort to make me do nothing that was not absolutely essential.

I came home from Europe in May. Have been here ever since except for a short motor trip. But to me this is a very pleasant place to spend a summer.

I suppose you hear little of our old group here. Adley Reynolds died last April. Tom Cull committed suicide a few weeks ago

are related. Believe me that they are very sincere and that you have my best wishes for many happy years together.

Cordially yours,

Mary Lena McMasters

Card Mandell Cowtherm has lately gone to California to live.

Upon my return in May, I found a Christmas card from Lou Lemmel Kinney - which was a surprise to me. I saw Lou in Boy's case two or three years ago when I was attending a D.A.R. conference, had a pleasant visit with her.

I enjoyed seeing Stewart in Lockport the last time I was there, but Lou Leland he is no longer there -

Accept my congratulations

PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO

SYNOD OF NEW YORK

Moderator.....

Stated Clerk and Treasurer--Rev. Peter McKenzie
BELL TELEPHONE--STAMFORD 87

Stamford, New York, Aug. 3 1931

Dear Courtland:

You doubtless have seen the inclosed but if not you will be interested in them. Mac Innis and I were appointed a committee to secure a deeply spiritual leader to take charge of the morning devotional hour serving communion and to address us in the evening, with the view of quickening

the spiritual life of ministers and elders and thus the churches of Presbytery.

The Com. will meet in Delhi the First Church manse after dinner. Have you any suggestion to give us as to such a leader.

Kindest regards to Mrs Robinson and yourself.

Peter

JOHN T. MANSON
NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Dear Dr. Robinson,

The readers of the Presbyterian of which I am glad to be one have reason to be gratified that you are to guide its future.

I send you and the paper my congratulations, wishing you every success.

Sincerely

John T. Manson

Friday 22/12/20.

My Dear Lord Tweedmouth,

Please accept
congratulations from me
and your wife. I
know, although a little
late, that you
the last month, I have
been ill, very ill, for
months, and so the joint
[illegible] have been
[illegible]

California, they made it Nevada
but I can't read the rest. There's more
friends and kids, then declared
they would not the Pacific coast
as they were our real Indian
home. They refused. It was a
hard life but were fighting
hard, and they had a lot of help
and our land. Thanks for the
Pacific Crest Trail, and enjoy it very
much. Good memories for Shelley, Dana
and Rebecca. Eldest are to the

Here comes for a visit
Mr Landaale & his
Colorado for a business
Trip for a month. Mostly
in mile Journals, also
Looking Jimmie, Phil is a
perfect Nuisance now-a-days
among Mile Lane and
all Part visiting for years
and years, Affectionately

Aunt Georgie

July 1st 1931,

Northminster Presbyterian Church
Cor. Baring and 35th Streets
Philadelphia

My dear Dr. Robinson

I am enclosing my check for fifteen dollars. Thank you so much for your graciousness in preaching at Northminster. The people were delighted to hear you and to see you in your old place. They will be looking forward to your coming again on Sabbath August the 30th.

With every good wish I am

Most cordially yours

Joseph Blenkinsopp

Thursday

Northminster Presbyterian Church
Cor. Baring and 35th Streets
Philadelphia June 8,1931

The Rev. W.Courtland Robinson, D.D.
"The Presbyterisn"
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I am writing you to confirm the engagement which I made some time ago with you to preach in Northminster Church, Sunday, August 30th. This is only one service. It is held at 11 o'clock in the morning. The compensation is $30.00.

Kindly confirm this engagement at once, on the enclosed postal card and in addition send to me two hymns which you wish to use in the morning service.

Cordially yours,

Joseph B.C. Mackie.

JBCM/D
Encl.

We are looking for you also on Sunday morning June 21st per my recent letter.

MRS. WALTER A. MUNNS
"THE STONEHURST" 45TH AND OSAGE AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

My dear Dr. Robinson: -

I was so sorry not to see more of you when you & Mrs. R. were in Phila. - this winter, - but I had the flu before Christmas & have really been miserable ever since & only lately have felt & looked better, - I changed my Doctor about a month ago & am now going to Dr. Thomas Shallow at 40th & Chestnut St. & he has helped me & I feel I am in good hands, - my

blood pressure was up to 190
so you see I was not so good,
so say a few prayers for
Hallie & me to soon
be well & strong again, as
we are both used to being
on the go & keeping busy
& it seems strange to lay
to & be ill & shut up. — I
am writing this just to
remind you that you
married me just fifteen
years ago, — June 14th 1916 —
& we are glad to get in
& happy, — so you did not

Make a mistake when you tied the knot, - we have a lot to be thankful for in all these years, in spite of so many worries & sorrows which must come to all of us, - I still love Northminster Church - it means so much in our lives, but I can't say I enjoy it or going to it as I used to & very often both get discouraged & think we will leave, - but the old friends & neighbors are there & that holds us, but I do wish - for your sake, - I really like Dr. Martin personally very

Mack & Mrs. Mackie is my
friend - but there is an
atmosphere of nothing but
"money, - money - money" -
& not enough religion & help
now in these times when we
all feel the depression and
hate, - maybe you understand
just what I mean. - Well I
must stop & send lots of love
& a big hug for you for our
marriage which you had so
much to do with, - & this also
is to be shared with Mrs. Robinson
who I remember always in my
kindest regards & best wishes.
Yours.

Yours Friendly -
Jane V. Mudie.

Dear Dr. Robinson, Thank you so much for your generous check - in these hard times a deed like this does more good than you can realize.

I was in hopes we would get a glimpse of you this week-end but we didn't

I get away from all this trouble very seldom. Will stays about the same & do too, over 21 months, long time.

Hope you will keep well, again my sincere thanks,

Gratefully

Wednesday June 10th. Tillie.

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June 8, 1931.

Rev. Wm. Courtland Robinson,D.D.,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Robinson:

Some one has sent me clipped from a recent issue of The Presbyterian, a copy of the leading editorial which bears as its title my name. I have read with deep emotion what you as an old and good friend have spread upon the first page of an important issue of The Presbyterian. I am quite overwhelmed with the gracious and tactful way in which you have referred to me.

If anything was needed to cement our long standing friendship you may be sure that this editorial, so timely and in my judgment so truthful, has accomplished it.

With my very deep gratitude and warm regard, believe me

Yours sincerely,
L. S. Mudge
Lewis S. Mudge
Stated Clerk

Third Presbyterian Church,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

June 8, 1931.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D. D.,
"The Presbyterian",
1217 Market St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Robinson:-

Thank you for your friendly letter with its old-time intimate spirit.

You may rest assured that my friendship and affection have not altered, nor will. If we never see each other again I shall hold you in affection and cherish the fellowship we have had.

I have been somewhat embarrassed by my position in that I knew that you had a right to expect from me the utmost frankness, and on the other hand, that I am a member of the Board whose actions and discussions are necessarily private. Moreover, I cannot take the position that I am more friendly and considerate than my fellow members. I wanted you at the meeting and said so, but there were those who felt there would be a better opportunity to discuss the whole problem of the paper if you were not present.

I am glad to be able to assure you that not an unkind thing was said about you by anyone at any time, and that full generous appreciation was expressed of your difficult services during the past year. The whole substance of the discussion was concerning the way the paper could be made the great leader of the Conservative Party and have the place it ought to have in these times in the Church. The only criticism was the general one that we were not now furnishing the leadership and the confidence that might bring together the conservative forces. It was stated that "The Advance" and "The Banner" would probably be united and would be recognized as the organ of the more liberal portion of the Church. Much of the problem is financial, though there were suggestions that sufficient funds could be secured if the purpose and hopes of the Board could be understood throughout the Church and a general rallying to its support could be secured.

Some names of men who might be secured as writers were suggested. Nothing definite was done. Various suggestions are to be further considered.

I do not feel that I have the right, as a member of the Board, to report suggestions that may or may not be worthy of further consideration or be practical after consideration.

There is no disposition on the part of any member of the Board to keep you from being fully acquainted with what may be planned, and there will be no underhand work. None of us is satisfied with the paper limited as it is with its financial condition. We all feel that in these times when

Third Presbyterian Church,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

June 8, 1931.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson

there seems to be the hope of strengthening the conservative position, something must be done to make "The Presbyterian" the strong leader and trusted agency of the Conservative Party.

You may be sure that in my own actions, I will do as I would expect you to do if our positions were reversed, and that any one of the members of the Board will gladly confer with you whenever definite plans of any kind are formed.

There was a hopeful note in the meeting of the Board, and though nothing definite was accomplished, there was created the feeling that if we are able to formulate plans of a large kind it will be possible to secure the financial support needed.

I was glad we had the afternoon together, and sorry that I was so busy I could not attend many of the meetings of The Assembly, or have the opportunity to meet my friends.

As ever and always,

Your friend,

William L. McEwan

First Presbyterian Church
Marcellus, N. Y.

DAVID S. MacINNIS, Minister

September 24, 1930

Rev. W.Courtland Robinson, D.D.
Delhi, NEw York

Dear Dr. Robinson,

I was sorry that our paths did not meet at Presbytery. It was impossible for me to be there Monday on account of a previous engagement for Monday evening. Mr. Griswold and I drove down together and enjoyed meeting the men, and also the women of the Presbyterial. There were quite a delegation from Delhi First.

The Presbytery adopted the report of the committee on the arrangements for the installation. Therefore, we will plan for you to give the Charge to the People. Friday, October 3, at 7:30 is the time.

I heard several very fine remarks about your sermon and the Communion service on Monday. I wish I might have been present.

Remember us to Mrs. Robinson. And we shall plan to see October 3.

Very sincerely,

David S. MacInnis

First Presbyterian Church

Marcellus, N. Y.

DAVID S. MacINNIS, Minister

September 12,1930

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Thank you very much for your letter with its valuable suggestions. I had already written to Mr. Ringholm asking if the session had any suggestions to make with regard to the participants of the Installation service. When I see Mr. Taylor at Presbytery meeting, we will go over the whole thing and make our decisions. I hope that you will be able to be present. If Iam unable to be present for both days, I wonder which would be the better, Monday or Tuesday.

With regard to the wedding, go right ahead. There is no reason why you should not marry them. I appreciate your writing to me about the matter, though. I hope that I may have a chance to see Andy so as to give him my own good wishes. It is all going to make a rather full time around the first of October.

I had a letter from Mr. Humphries the other day telling me about the work that had been done at the manse. He certainly has been right on the job and taken a real interest in it. We certainly appreciate it. I hope that we have not asked too much at the outset. Perhpas we have been spoiled with the nice manse that we have here. However, it did need decorating badly.

Your son, Stewart, wrote me a very fine letter this week. I appreciate his doing so.

I hope that this finds both yourself and Mrs. Robinson well. Mrs. Mac Innes joins me in sending our good wishes.

Cordially,

David S. MacInnes

Box 444
Meadville, Pa
August 22, 1930

My dear Robinson:

You need not expect any approval from the Westminster people of anything you do in the Presbyterian. They will do all they can to hurt the paper. You need not expect any appreciation of kindnesses you show them. They receive them as matters of course and only what they deserve. I am so sorry. They are good men, but they can never help the cause of Truth with the intolerant attitude they have toward men who hold the same truth as fervently as they. As well as I knew them, I have been amazed at their attitude and actions toward Princeton. My advice to you would be to let them absolutely alone so long as they refuse any fellowship with you, and not to mention them or advertise their institution in any way whatsoever, since they have informed you that they do not wish to advertise in your paper. The Lord reigns, and He will guide His Church and establish His truth

I am not surprised that the subscription list does not grow. Active and persistent work must be done in this department. I can't help much, and the good men who have so generously stood under the load through the years are responsible for other needy causes, and spread over much ground.

I have been puttering around on the farm, avoiding all social and literary obligations. I have kept in the sunshine and gotten hardened in muscle. I love the country and all the things that live. My hollyhocks and other flowers as well as the vegetable garden have given me all the occupation I need.

I not only approve but admire the Presbyterian in these days. The summer season is hard on editorials as on sermons. The Editor does not wish to thunder at that time

Your friend
William McEwan

I still think a religious weekly ought to have a sermon in each issue - I dont mean the kind of twaddle that I could describe - nor the great sermons that require many pages. It would take brains and work to get the right sermons; but it could be done so as to be a mighty department